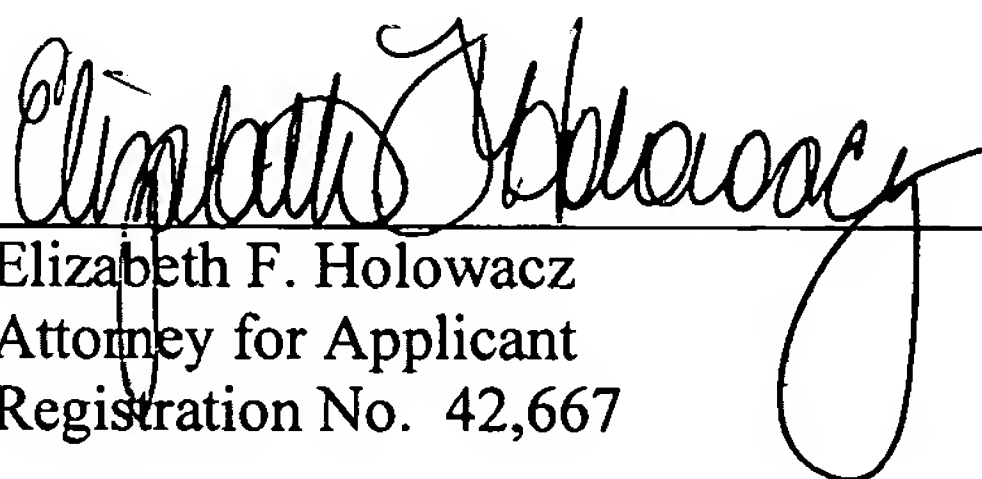


C. Remarks

Claims 1-8 are pending, with claims 1 and 6 being independent. Claims 3 and 5 have been amended to address improper multiple dependencies. Consideration of the amended claims is respectfully requested.

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